



CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

24 January 1952

The Honorable Ambassador Lewis W. Douglas
Southern Arizona Bank and Trust Company
Tucson, Arizona

Dear Ambassador Douglas:

STAT The Central Intelligence Agency has received today from [redacted] Clift Hotel, San Francisco, a telegram addressed to you in care of General Walter Bedell Smith.

This telegram reads as follows:

"I am the niece of Simon Lewis Binkelspiel Dean and a friend of the Equitable Life Insurance Company. My uncle founded the Eagle Star and North of England Insurance Company and served them as reinsurance officer until January 1915. I think it is most important that the American Underwriters Association of New York should realize the importance of a proper understanding with Lloyds of London. My bonafides are General Frank McCoy and representatives of Lloyds in London such as Honorable Mrs. John Leslie whose husband succeeded my beloved friend George H. Picard as a director of Lloyds. Percy Coles and Gilbert Baynes, KC, care Inns of Court London can really help through the Ford Foundation."

STAT The Agency files, which have been searched, contain nothing on the sender, [redacted] San Francisco, California, if, however, we can be of any help to you in this matter, please do not hesitate to call on us.

Very truly yours,

[redacted]
Assistant to the Director

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